



## DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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### INTERPRETIVE OPINION

Pursuant to §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), all buildings and facilities constructed by, or on behalf of the State or any county, shall conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and amendments. In accordance to HRS §103-50 and Chapter 11-217, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Disability and Communication Access Board has authority to issue interpretive opinions to HRS §103-50 design standards.

*Docket:* **DCAB 2004-02:** Are handrail extensions allowed to turn 90 degrees at the top and bottom of a ramp in alterations where it is technically infeasible to continue linearly?

*Summary:* While the ADAAG addresses the issue of an exception to handrails at stairs in alterations, it does not address the issue for ramps.

*Ruling:* For buildings or facilities subject to HRS §103-50,

#### **ADAAG 4.8.5 (2)**

In alterations, handrail extensions are allowed to turn at the top and bottom of ramps where full linear 12 inch extensions would be hazardous or impossible due to plan configuration.

[Rul:03/04] (Auth and Imp: HRS §103-50)

If you have any questions or comments regarding this ruling, please call 586-8121.

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